

## Pregnant theatre staff in orthopaedic operating rooms: A national review of the guidelines

To whom it may concern,

- Name of Trust	Milton Keynes University Hospital
- Contact email address	
- Contact phone number	01908 996000
1) Does your occupational health department have any departmental guidelines relating to pregnant staff who work in theatre in order to protect the health of the mother and baby from radiation and other harmful substances?	No
2) If yes to (1), please provide these guidelines or policies in full as a single PDF.	-----
3) Does your theatre department have any department-specific guidelines for pregnant staff who work in theatre in order to protect the health of the mother and baby from radiation and other harmful substances?	Yes - There is no specific ruling for pregnant staff, for our radiographers it is personal choice to attend these cases as the lead apron provides adequate protection, but the physical conditions ie standing for long periods is usually the limiting factor as to whether they attend these cases.
4) If yes to (3), please provide these guidelines or policies in full as a single PDF.	Please see attached

### Guidelines for completion of this request:

Presence in an orthopaedic theatre while pregnant may cause adverse sequelae for both the mother and the developing fetus.

If you encounter any issues finding the answers to the above, in our experience the following professionals will usually know:

- Occupational health department
- Theatre manager/matron
- Orthopaedic registrars/consultants

Many thanks for your co-operation and please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Many thanks,

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I am requesting some information under the Freedom of Information act.

I would be very grateful if you could answer the questions in the following proforma and email a response to [drsundasmbutt@gmail.com](mailto:drsundasmbutt@gmail.com) with the words 'Pregnancy FOI' in the subject heading line.

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2) If yes to (1), please provide these guidelines or policies in full as a single PDF.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When we are aware of a pregnant colleague, we would go through the risk assessment process that exists within the Trust's maternity policy.</li> <li>• Staff wear lead aprons to protect themselves in Orthopaedic theatres when they are exposed to radiation. Wherever possible, we would avoid placing a pregnant member of staff in that situation</li> </ul>

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